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ARGENTINA: Delay in Naming Next President

Argentina's ruling military junta yesterday announced a 10-day postponement in naming an officer to succeed President Videla next March. An announcement designating retired Lt. General Viola--former Army Commander and confidant of Videla--had been expected last Monday. Although Viola is the overwhelming choice of the Army, the strongest branch of the armed services, his appointment may have run into unexpectedly stiff opposition from the Navy. Naval officers mistrust Viola's ties with civilian political and labor leaders, and believe that as President he would attempt to override the junta. [redacted] 3.5(c)



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